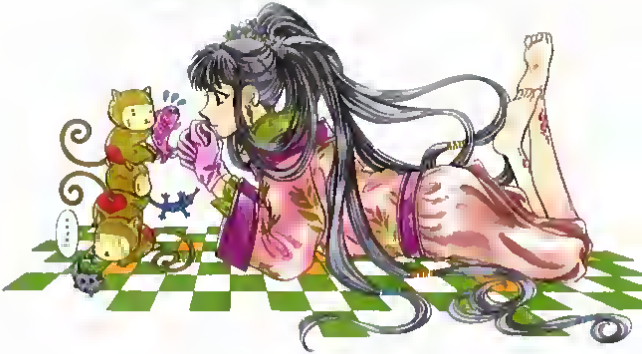
いったいどこにいるんたろう。
背高のっぽの、俺のお姫サマは――――。



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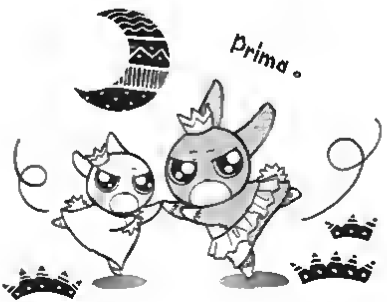

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Maybe it wasn't hopeless
BAN!!
But the thought "It's over"
I've had it many times
I FOUND HIM!
IT'S THIS WAY!!

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UWAAA!?
ビュンビュンビュン
"FALLING"
So, sorry!
I was in a hurry so...
Erm
Are you injured?
Bo
RISE
PaPaPaPaPaPa
DUSTING OFF
BRUSHING OFF LEAVES
depressed
AH!
はなぢ
BLOOD PRINT OF A FACE!?
And it looks stupid

for-get
I'm in trou-ble
wipe
THERE HE IS!
GO TO THE BACK-YARD!!
Hmm. Blood trail, I see.
Yes!
Kill him once you find him.
There's an in-truder.
The Immortality Medicine from the greenhouse was stolen and the culprit was heading this way.
There's no one here.
SLASH
But there was blood --
What is all this commo-tion?

EP

eek...!
Blue... blood
!?
This is my blood.
There are no complaints right?
DRIP
DRIP
You're dismissed
CLANG
BATA
BATA
BATA...
BATA = RUN AWAY
ED

Please wipe that with my chest...
the blood.
I—
You're bleeding! Aren't you?
Ah...
No, pay no mind to it.
The flow will stop soon.
Besides I—
This blood is polluted by poison.
If you touch it, I don't know what'll happen.

I'm sorry
Because of me your dress is ruined.
My deceased mother said,
For a woman
a dress is more important than her parents or brothers!

Even if I sell this I don't think it's enough
But
I'll return with a new dress and take you away from here
I'll become lots and lots stronger
swish
swish
WAIT FOR ME!
IT WON'T TAKE LONG!
I'll take you away from here
KLIN
HAH!

UT-TO
I LOST, OKAY ?!
BIS-KYU !!
I... I QUIT!
JARA...
Now you know that just because it's bigger that doesn't mean it's better, right?
hmph!
Bis-kyuu !
Why are you having a betting fight!?
Biskyuu Cran!
Here! The money I promised earlier.
I I under-stand
Don't throw away valuable money away!
Eeh
SIT
Why do you want to become a knight to a king you never even met in the first place!?
There's a rumor saying, that a witch lives in there.
I don't know ~
Don't tell me you're really planning to go to King Eldora's castle!?

Thorned Frog
You'll get a curse wherein you'll turn into a super pink frog with thorns
Two more times
Did you know? If you say 'witch' 3 times
Renny
CHAK
That's what my deceased mother said.
ha ha ha
I DON'T CARE IF YOU GET EATEN BY A WITCH!!
One more time!
Don't go
WAAAA
You better go home before you get turned into a frog
You don't even really remember your mother's face
That's
That's a lie!
wave
HMPH !?
BISKYLII, YOU'RE AN IDIOT!!
ED

What are there a books on it?
young warrior Biskyuu Cran,
With truth, freedom and honour, the being who risked his life,
to you I hereby grant the responsibility of guarding Princess Kiera
Is there somethin ...?

This person is King Eldora.
He looks young
For a young daughter, I need a companion who is around the same age
In this castle, besides us there are only soldiers...
and to see the king that fast... I never even thought about it.
No, I am honored that you have accepted a person such as I to become a knight
?
Yes...?
Eyes
PUNY!
Little brat.
One day I'm gonna get you
By Oh

Can you speak in your normal style when you talk with us from now on?
As you heard in the rumor, my daughter is trying to learn the language of normal people
Weird father and daughter
Okay
but
Except for the greenhouse in the inner yard.
Mmm
You can walk around freely in the castle
if this is the daughter- that means the lady at that time is not a princess !?

From now on, we, the three of us, are going to live as a family.
Stand up, Bıskyuu
As a family
The name I'm used to hear but
had such a beautiful name?
Bıskyuu
good good

they don't even know how to clean their clothes, so Bishqu, how to do all the job.
These looks... they were meant for Him!?
Yea yea...
Bisu... Please bring that gown to father.
SPLASH
SPLASH
What part of this did the "family" refer to!?
Like as if...
PULL
PULL
PULL
SPLASH
Who is this lady?
Ohhhhh... I'm going to get this busy. I have no time to look at that lady.
GO AWAY
That tall height
my prin-cess
SNAP
From whom did you get permission to come here?

That guy
Besides, in this castle, there isn't even one servant that you can call your own.
Snicker
What a funny thing you said.
I am the judge of this country, you know?
I'm the one who judges, not the one who is to be judged who is there to find fault in me?
Sigh
If there's anything, I'll listen to you later
such a thin shoulder
this burden... on your shoulder will be lightened as well.
If you will announce that I shall be the husband to Princess Kiera,
Is it okay if Princess Kiera hears this?
Actually, I took the trouble to tell you.
slip
slip
slip

I will protect this country
and even you, if you wish it.
The one I want to ask to be protected is my beloved daughter Kiera
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!
Prolonging your stubbornness won't be helping Kiera-sama, you know?
The gown you requested for is here.
Why must I do this
RUSTLE
Bisu —?
Geh Geh

PULL
Is it Kiera's order, Byakuya?
ARE YOU STUPID!?
WHY ARE YOU OBEYING THAT PERVERTED GEEZER?!
WHY CAN'T YOU RESIST A LITTLE, YOU BLURRED OLD MAN?!!
STRIP
Chh
Stupid and Blurred...?

Wha... what are these scars !?
Don't tell me!!
GASP
GASP
...
Originally
the punishment for those who saw royalty's skin would be death, did you know that?

How old are you?
It's been around 10 years you know!?
FWIP
RUSTLE
dokun dokun dokun dokun!?
Darn... Why am I feeling nervous towards a man
DOKI...N
To be accurate, I am 721 years old this year
CLICK...
Do you know about the magical potion that was named after the medicine user that created it?
...Gyokuto
The Immortality Medicine that rich people buy can only extend around 100 years of long life immunity
The average life span of the people in this country of Casteral is around 25 years!?
Uh
That's impossible!

I only met them once in these 700 years.
'They', in exchange for the body of the contract holder
cure all diseases, from injury to incurable sickness.
The reason Gyokuto came to this castle was because I didn't have any idea about having the throne—
Then I heard about the 'Immortality medicine' which can extend the life span of the Casteral people, who have a shorter life span than
the people of the other countries Without a doubt, I signed the contract.
In exchange for my entire blood.

The spell that Gyokuto cast upon me transformed me into a demon with blue blood.
I can t even
accept the judgment of death.
ED.

... 700 years old or immortal and never gets old(?) Something like that, if I've been told so, I can't really get it into my mind
Come to think of it.. 25 years old is like the maximum age in this country
DID YOU CUT YOUR FINGER!?
Complicated stories make my shoulder ache
it causes fear among my people
twitch twitch
... my existence
PISSED
To rule a country, there's a need for a person like that on the surface...
A person like Noize Louis, who is the religious advisor, is also necessary

YOU JUST SIT AND WATCH WHILE HE DOES THINGS TO YOU!?
Oh...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
WHAT IS IT!?
DON'T YOU FEEL ANNOYED AT ALL?
WHEN HE DOES THOSE KIND OF THINGS TO YOU
Does that kin...
stroke
What are you angry about? Bisu-
Wah
BLUUUUSH
err
ED

I've been called by Kiera!!
I...
The reasoning spell
The guy is 700 years old and so frail
The guy is 700 years old and so frail
not good thoughts
TOUCH
He's a MAN with a CHILD and he's a king
To add to that he's 700 something years old old man
It's not funny at all
What am I talking about ?

Lately, father has been strangely quiet.
Sheesh, it's scaring me a bit...
You did something to father, didn't you?
What!?
doki
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
First and foremost, why do you think I did something!?
...to that old man...
Aah Again I'm...
doki
doki
doki
Are you scared as well?
Of father's blood...
doki
in

TOH
TON
SQUEEZE
Greenhouse
err—
I haven t
seen him
around
lately
not that I
care or
anything.
"You can walk
around freely
in the castle"
Except for
the greenhouse
in the inner
yard "
It's
worse than
the last time
I sneaked
in here
It's like
a jungle
rather than
a yard.
There
are even
strange
animals
Owl
EP

SQUEAK
That's it
Eldora ....!?

I told you that you're not allowed to enter here
If you are a knight, you're supposed to protect your master
Bisu!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
BUT THIS
FOR THIS 'THING' YOU'RE CUTTING YOURSELF!
YOU'RE-!?
In order to raise this 'Immortality Medicine' it requires my blood.
But, no matter how long it takes, there's only this much.
If it is to save even one more of the people of Casteral, we need more of this medicine.
Let go, Biskyuu.
The blood will
Promise me!
That you'll never do this kind of stunt again!

If not I feel like my
Promise me
Please
heart is going to break.
From my palm
I can feel the beat
dokun
dokun
chuckle
dokun
dokun
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT OLD MAN?
No-thing
sigh
You... did you even listen to what I just said?
Is it your mother who also said "A dress is more important than her parents or brothers"?
Yea--h!
really
Take good care of your body, that's what my dead mother said!
He's so easy to understand

When did your mother die?
I don't really remember, but maybe when she was around 25 years old.
it s the lifespan
Lifespan, huh
Only 25 years.
If only I have
the same strength to live
If she was given the Immortality Medicine, maybe she could've lived longer, you know?
What are you talking about.?
Living a longer life doesn t guarantee that it'll bring happiness, does it?

Hm?
I see
Maybe it's true
How about you?
Are you happy?
Don't you want to be free?

BISKYUU !!
gu ip
That leaves me to secure the route to go through the space of conviction from Eldora's room without anyone noticing
and
There are two passages that lead to the south gate, and.
I missed you Biskyuu!
Remin !?
Why are you here...?
I'm so glad that you're okay ♡
I was so worried because I had no news from you for a month, you know?
Ra- rather than that, how did you manage to come in here?
I've become a maid and got a judge with me!
Suto
rather !!

Remy
pat
pat
This place isn't blessed that much for a girl who was bred like princess to survive.
You better go home.
Papa can find you tons of jobs if you want.
Hmm, why don't we leave this place and go back to town?
you've changed— Biskyuu
Some-how
Such an energetic girl
!
ELDORA !?
You were watching
EP

Why don't you go home once?
You have to make a real family soon
She's just a child-hood friend!
Well, don't be so unkind
ha ha ha
I think it suits me well
whirl
Are you some sort of a meddlesome auntie in the neigh borhood!?
honestly
Oh?
doka
doka
doka
hmm
I made him angry
again
But
nya
why does he get mad so fast?
giggle

What does he think I came here for?!
Homestay
"Go home once," he said?
"Make a real family," he said?
Il s not hahaha
So now, here's a question.
How much is left of your lifespan?
It took me three years to get a sword
but it took another seven years to raise my arm
I don't wanna die
KON
ED

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
That
There's no time for you to loiter around here, you know?
You haven't used the immortality medicine ...!!
FLINCH
KATA
Is someone there?
Kiera!?
The greenhouse is burning
GAUN

I've already caught the criminal
The medicine is...!?
A lot more of the medicine
BISKYUU!!
The judge said if I disposed of the poisonous flower
he'll return Biskyuu to me....!
Remy!?
It's not like that! I was asked to do it!
Poisonous Flower, he said...!?

Poisonous flower does such a thing exist here?
Moreover, I who is the judge who asked to set fire to the King's greenhouse
It's so unbelie vable
That flower is
Eldora's
Noize !?
You!! That flower is !
I don't need some expla nation in the court room.
Biskyuu Cran
If you reveal to the public the existence of the King's medicine, the rumor will spread and
Ambitious people from both inside and outside the country will try to get King Eldora.
It will start a conflict, then they'll declare war with our little country, won't they?

So, I too shall punish you with a peaceful judgement.
The King is a very merciful person and he hates bloodshed
You're going?
I hereby sentence you to be banished from this castle
Remin Heatherway and her close friend, the knight, Biskyun Cran,
If you ever enter this castle after this,
your life, consider it gone!!
Hoisy

Eldora
Let's go together
I'll bring a new dress and take you away from here
I told you, didn't I?
This is the last order to Eldora's knight.
I've predicted this kind of thing would happen so I made a secure escape route.
Hi Shi Shi Shi ♫
Take Kiera away
...Eldora?

Please take Kiera away,
Buskyuu
Eldora?
I want her to be free,
free from any imprisonment.
Of course I ll bring Kiera also but.
That s why I chose you to be a knight.
From now on we'll live together as a family
It is all because I want you to take Kiera away from here
The reason why I chose you to be a knight and pardonned you for that improper behaviour,
Yes
That's... why...?

Under stood.
I'll go.
Together with Kiera.
Uskyuu...
And now, your duty has ended.
KATSUN
squeeze
KOTSU
KOTSU KOTSU KOTSU
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
When I think
it's all going to end soon.
If we have this much we won't even have to work for a whole year
The King is rather generous
He gave us a lot of medicine ♡
GOTON
RATTLE RATTLE

I remembered the promise
I remembered those kind hands
It keeps repeating
itself
You're a king but you don't understand a thing
You
Alright. Listen carefully
Once they're faraway from the castle and enter the forest, kill them
but don't harm Princess Kiera
Biskyuu Cran
You too

King Eldora!?
SIL
ZA ZA
SPLATTER
Hee ...!
If you're not afraid of my blood's curse you can go through.
Hey!
It's that side!!
P... Please forgive us...
EP

Didn't I say it?
I'll come and take you away from here.
Eyes
that look like a night of Pleiades
The 'promise' that can never be fulfilled—but
somehow my heart trembled
the scar, did it really hurt as much as this—?

"Living a longer life doesn't guarantee that it'll bring happiness, does it?"
Our dearest knight.
If he sees me like this—
he'll be mad again
Yeah, it's true
I've lived long enough but
but it's so miserable
Suskyuu
DRIP

A person who doesn't listen to instructions will be punished with stomachaches in the hell!!
...my dearest mother and I had...
pant
huff
wheeze
huff
pant
ELDORA YOU..!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO INJURE YOURSELF!!
wheeze
pant
huff
What is that ?!
Why?
No, Bisu don't come any closer!
!!
DRIP
Don't come here!!
The blood !
CLANK
Splash
Bisu !!
BUST
EP

Don't complain okay?
I've only prepared some women's stuff.
sigh
Biskyuu

sfx - slash
sfx - thrust
CHA
ROLL
Lord Eldora !!
You don't learn, do you?
Although you lived longer by taking the immortality medicine, but
you people only know how to grow older, don't you?
Stop it, Biskyuu!
You people, too ...!
Don't touch him!
This person has been infected by my blood!
Wha ...?!
ED

You people are so
despi-cable —!!
Even to sacrifice... one person?
You want to live longer that badly?
nobody is willing to sacrifice his life to protect him?
When your master is having serious trouble,
JIRI

It's the oil of immortality medicine
It'll come in handy
Here, take this
From here, it's very near to the national border
I'm sorry
Even so, I can't throw away this country
Casteral won't perish.
Kiera remained in the castle
ED

This business was carried out as planned.
Different from your non greedy and pacifist father, you're smart.
If you utilize that blood, you can grasp the world in your hand
So, the immortality medicine that was saved in advance is ours—
Thanks to the brat the plan to remove the King went faster than what I expected
and now, the throne is yours
But then
I've missed my chance to own that beautiful Eldora.
Although, I am a bit disappointed...!
ED

GAHH
ACK!
You don't have to worry, even you, who are used to father's blood, can be used to a medicine.
My 'blood' is thicker than my father's.
GUWA!
Blood the blood !?
The blue colored blood?!
SUKATE!
you were going to kill me—!?
If from the start
Princess Kiera!!
Lord Norze!?
You should be thankful!
Compared to my father's scars,
even if you and the people of this country engrave hundreds and thousands of scars, it still won't be enough

Kneel before me and I shall praise the name!!
Let it echo greatly!
Show me the proof of your loyalty!!
Answer me for those who desire life!
Look!
Lady Kiera has the blue blood too!!
It's the blue blood!!
sfx: waaa
King Eldora !!
Long live King Eldora!!
From here onwards, those who did not obtain the permission of Eldora
shall not be allowed to enter into this castle!!
Close the castle's gate!!

I don't know if I really understand it, but I think so.
I saw it for the first time
I think she'll be alright.
Kiera
My father laughed
Huh?
what?
Bishyuu, leave that girl and let's go
hurry!
ha ha
That guy
that guy that guy THAT GUY!!
He always makes fun of me and laughs like mad!!
It makes me mad just by thinking it!!
YOU'RE LYING, AREN'T YOU!
really?

Only you.
Kiera and I are different!
Only you, who'll try to protect everyone and him, but
I don't need to extend my life span.
The country can perish for all I care, honestly
I only need you to smile, always

That kind of stuff, is it bad?
To wish for someone's happiness.
Is it that bad...?
Oh
huh?
GRAB
ELDORA!

I like you!
very, very,
very much !!
Yup
I'm not your parent or your brothers but
you're more important to me than a dress

That "important" and "like", what does it mean ...
Even the color and shape, taste and smell (?) I think it's totally different, dearest King
Smile Smile Smile
Pants
He doesn't get it
Well then
Aww!
That confession ... was once in a lifetime and then
More than a dress, he says...
We'll decide where to go onwards from there
better find some clothes to wear in the nearby town
It is best to choose a dress by testing it on the person itself ♡
That's what my deceased mother said though.
!

I do not fear death
but, the only thing I think about is you whom I'll be leaving behind.
EP

I'll be going without waiting for the dawn.
I hope you will not have anymore sad experiences
I hope you will not be haunted by nightmares
...Bisu?

please remember that
When you stumble upon something
only when you call my name will I be there to watch over you
You are mine and
I am yours
A light of hope and I wish it'll stay that way...
Let's go.
-END-

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